(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) There may be some instances of workers working with contractors, for a longer period for principal employers like Government Departments.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 does not contain any provision relating to regularization of such workers.

FDI Policy with regard to PIOs

3188. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 430 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 2005 and state:

(a) whether according to Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer of Issue of Security by a Person Resident outside India) Regulations, 2000 the provisions of FDI policy in domestic aviation sector also apply to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs);

(b) if so, the reasons that PIOs are not treated at par with NRIs in domestic aviation sector;

(c) whether the status of PIOs is not clearly defined by Government causing hurdles to PIOs in bringing investments in aviation sector; and

(d) if so, the steps so far taken to clear the ambiguity in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the existing policy, NRIs are eligible to invest upto 100% in Air Transport Services (Domestic Airlines) under the automatic route. However, PIOs have not been able to avail this facility, as the guidelines of the Ministry of Civil Aviation stipulate that a scheduled/non-scheduled air transport operator's permit can be granted only to a citizen of India or to a company/body corporate provided, *inter-alia*, that substantial ownership and effective control is vested in Indian nationals.

(c) and (d) Parity of PIO Card holders with NRIs in regard to investments in the Civil Aviation sector is under consideration of the Ministries concerned.

Conferring more powers to CBI

3189. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a special legislation to govern the functioning of Central Bureau of Investigation to confer more powers to the agency or otherwise;

(b) the grounds, for and against, if any, examined by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) No, Sir; The present arrangement where CBI draws its authority under Delhi Special Policy Establishment, Act 1946 has worked satisfactorily. CBI enjoys functional autonomy under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 as amended by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 and has the requisite authority under the law for investigation and prosecution purposes.

Report on corruption

3190. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the recently released Indian Corruption Study to improve Governance 2005, by the Centre for Media Studies;

(b) whether the police tops the list with judiciary and land administration including urban bodies with the education sector topping the ranking on monetary terms;